

In The Claims

1. A disposable shopping cart cover for covering a portion of a shopping cart, said shopping cart having a horizontal bar and a child's seat, wherein the horizontal bar is adjacent and offset by a space from restraint railing of the child's seat, wherein the horizontal bar has a circumference and an overall length, and the restraint railing has a perimeter and a sectional length; said disposable shopping cart cover comprising:

a flexible planar sheet of a sanitary polymeric film having a back side that is reverse printed, and a front side with viewable reverse-side printed images, a width with a left lateral edge and a right lateral edge, a first edge length and a second edge length, and a tearable perpendicular plurality of perforations that initiates from a point about midway along the second edge length and extends toward the first edge length, partially bisecting the sheet;

a double-coated pressure sensitive adhesive strip on a left back side of the cover adjacent to the left lateral edge extending from the first edge to the second edge;

a double-coated pressure sensitive adhesive strip on a right back side of the cover adjacent to the right lateral edge extending from the first edge to the second edge; and

an activity center that is comprised of the viewable reverse-side printed images

a pressure sensitive adhesive coating on the back side of the sheet;

wherein the sheet has a width that is greater than a sum of the space between the restraint railing and the horizontal bar, plus the circumference of the horizontal bar, and plus the perimeter of the restraint railing;

wherein the sheet has a first edge length that is less than the overall length of the horizontal bar, and a second edge length that is less than the sectional length of the restraint railing; and

~~wherein said shopping cart cover can be adhered and stretched taut across the space between the horizontal bar and the restraint railing, providing a sanitary protective covering over the horizontal bar and the restraint railing of the child's seat, where said adhered cover can serve as an activity center.~~

2. (Original) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymeric film is substantially transparent.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 1 3, wherein the viewable images are selected to be potentially entertaining and educational to children.

5. (Original) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 4, wherein the viewable images are selected from the group consisting of cartoon characters, foods, text, items found in a grocery store, and television personalities.

6. (Currently amended) The A disposable shopping cart cover according to claim 1, wherein both the right and left double-coated pressure sensitive adhesive strips comprise pressure sensitive adhesive coating is coated onto a reinforcing carrier film that is adhered to the back side of the sheet.

7. (Currently amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 6, wherein both the right and left double-coated pressure sensitive adhesive strips are pressure-sensitive adhesive coating is protected with a removable release liner, where said release liner is wider than the adhesive, creating an edge void that facilitates as a finger lift for the initiation and removal of the release liner.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 1 -8, wherein, when the said cover has a tearable perpendicular plurality of perforations, which initiates from a point about midway from the second edge length, wherein, when is torn, the resulting tear

produces plurality of perforations bifurcates forming two tails in the cover sheet, where the tails provide a slit an opening that can accept a supporting rod for a the restraint railing of the of a shopping cart child's seat.

10. (Original) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sanitary polymeric film is comprised of polyethylene or polypropylene or a copolymer thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 5, wherein, when the cover is fastened to a grocery shopping cart, the activity center is a shelf viewable images form a printed activity center where the child can match items in a grocery store with the viewable images or use the printed activity center as a tray to hold snacks or toys.

12. (Currently Amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 11 -9, wherein the child's seat has a pair of leg openings is in a grocery shopping cart.

13. (Currently Amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 12 -9, wherein said tails provide a barrier covering for each leg opening.

14. (Currently Amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 1 -9, wherein said double-coated pressure sensitive adhesive strip is comprised of a non-depositing adhesive, and said cover can be removed and disposed without leaving an adhesive residue on the horizontal bar or on the perimeter of the restraint railing.

15. (Currently Amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 1 -9, wherein said cover is of sufficient size to cover a handle and a restraint railing of the child's seat of the shopping cart a T-shaped trapezoid or a trapezoid.

16. (Currently Amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 1 +5, wherein said cover trapezoid is rectangular an isosceles trapezoid.

17. (Currently Amended) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 15 +6, wherein said double-coated pressure sensitive adhesive strip is sufficiently long enough to wrap around the handle and fasten face-to-face trapezoid is a rectangle.

18. (Withdrawn) A shopping cart disposable cover system, said system comprising:

a shopping cart having a horizontal bar and a child's seat, wherein the horizontal bar is adjacent and offset by a space from restraint railing of the child's seat, wherein the horizontal bar has a circumference and an overall length, and the restraint railing has a perimeter and a sectional length;

a flexible planar sheet of a sanitary, innocuous polymeric film having a back side and a front side;

a pressure sensitive adhesive coating on the back side of the sheet;

wherein the sheet has a width that is greater than a sum of the space between the restraint railing and the horizontal bar, plus the circumference of the horizontal bar, and plus the perimeter of the restraint railing;

wherein the sheet has a first edge length that is less than the overall length of the horizontal bar, and a second edge length that is less than the sectional length of the restraint railing; and

wherein said shopping cart cover can be adhered and stretched taut across the space between the horizontal bar and the restraint railing, providing a sanitary protective covering over the horizontal bar and the restraint railing of the child's seat, where said cover can serve as an activity center.

19. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the polymeric film is substantially transparent.

20. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the back side of the sheet is reverse printed, producing viewable images on the front side of the sheet that are protected by the sanitary polymeric film, and a printing ink that is not in direct contact with the child.

21. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the viewable images are selected to be potentially entertaining and educational to children.

22. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the viewable images are selected from the group consisting of cartoon characters, foods, text, items found in a grocery store, and television personalities.

23. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system according to claim 18, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive coating is coated onto a reinforcing carrier film that is adhered to the back side of the sheet.

24. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 23, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive coating is protected with a removable release liner.

25. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the reinforcing adhesive film is comprised of two strips, where a left strip extends from the first edge length to the second edge length adjacent to a left side of the cover, and a right strip extends from the first edge length to the second edge length adjacent to a right side of the cover.

26. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 25, wherein said cover has a tearable perpendicular plurality of perforations, which initiates from a point about midway from the second edge length of said cover, wherein, when torn, the plurality of perforations bifurcates forming two tails in the sheet, where the tails provide an opening that can accept at least one supporting rod for the restraint railing of the child's seat.

27. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the sanitary polymeric film is comprised of polyethylene or polypropylene or a copolymer thereof.

28. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the viewable images form a printed activity center where the child can match items in a grocery store with the viewable images or use the printed activity center as a tray to hold snacks or toys.

29. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the child's seat is in a grocery shopping cart.

30. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said cover can be removed and disposed without leaving an adhesive residue on the horizontal bar or on the perimeter of the restraint railing.

31. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 18, wherein said cover is a T-shaped trapezoid or a trapezoid.

32. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said trapezoid is a rectangle.

33. (Withdrawn) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 17, wherein said cover is individually folded and packaged together in groups in a travel package, which is of convenient size for portability in a person's diaper bag, pocketbook, briefcase, or other such item.

34. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 32, wherein said cover is individually folded and packaged together in groups in a travel package, which is of convenient size for portability in a person's diaper bag, pocketbook, briefcase, or other such item.

35. (Withdrawn) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 7, wherein said release liner is slightly wider than the coated adhesive, thereby forming a lifting edge for initiating removal of the release liner.

36. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said release liner is slightly wider than the coated adhesive, thereby forming a lifting edge for initiating removal of the release liner.

37. (Withdrawn) The disposable shopping cart cover as claimed in claim 17, wherein said cover is packaged as lightly adhered stacked sheets which can be peeled off as individual sheets.

38. (Withdrawn) The shopping cart disposable cover system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said cover is packaged as lightly adhered stacked sheets which can be peeled off as individual sheets.